

HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

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My Dear Oliver

First for Botany — In
looking over accumulations here,
I have chanced upon a paper
of seeds (fruits) marked —
"Monterey: nescio." but I
see what they are. They are
the fruits of that plant of Dr.
Palmer's Mexican collection which
I detected to be a Choriza, &
the same as Bulander's 1404,
and which was put aside to
figure for the Lecnes. Leaflets
intermixed with the fruit show it
to be the very thing. So I send
you a good quantity of the
fruit, to check out the specimen
in the herbarium.

Now for other matters. You
know, probably, that we needed

home on the 1st in fairly
good case, after a pretty good
voyage. Later - only a week
ago - came our cases by a
steamer from London direct.
We have unpacked, and every
thing is safe. We have
only now got the house and
my appliances and gatherings
to rights, and I can now -
upon the first day of winter
set down to my proper work.

In unpacking the large
case we came upon the
two beautiful and interesting
+ Locked drawings you so
kindly put in - a most
acceptable present. They are
to be hung in the room which
Mrs. Gray sits in mostly - "the

library", as we call it, adja-
cent to my study. They will be
constantly before us, a pleasant
reminder both of the interesting
places we visited, and of
a certain house on New Green
and its kind inmates.

I do wish you could better come
over, and enjoy our bright
skies. I had forgotten what
"a pleasant thing it is for
the eyes to behold the sun"
day after day. And the fresh
dry air acts like wine.

Mrs. Gray will have a
line to ask for Mrs.
Oliver - to whom I would
be affectionately remembered.

Sincerely yours

Asa Gray

+ Two sketches he drew by
my father of HOCHES, the
sketch in pencil
in pencil
Ford.